

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2644 – SB 2768

April 6, 2010

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (016494): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Authorizes the Department of Human Services to provide either a parent education training class for parents or caretakers of children in pre-Kindergarten through third grade or a program of volunteer service in school in which a parent or caretaker relative who is a recipient of temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) services may participate in.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$693,700/One-Time
\$422,300/Recurring

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$55,800/One-Time
\$35,600/Recurring**

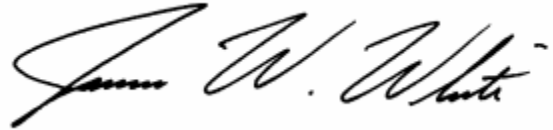
Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The Department of Human Services (DHS) assumes that the parent education class will be a one-time event and the volunteer program will be a continuing program throughout the school year.
- Since the parents are no longer required to participate, the Department estimates that only a small percentage will choose to participate in the parenting classes that will be funded by the Department.
- Currently there are approximately 62,000 TANF clients. The Department estimates that at least five percent, or 3,100 ($62,000 \times .05$), of the current clients will voluntarily participate in the parenting classes.
- Based on current departmental contracts, DHS estimates the parenting class will cost approximately \$18 per individual for materials and verification of attendance resulting in a one-time increase in expenditures of \$55,800 ($\$18 \times 3,100$).
- There are approximately 3,300 additional monthly TANF enrollees resulting in an estimated 39,600 ($3,300 \times 12$) new TANF enrollees each year. If five percent, or 1,980 ($39,600 \times .05$), of the annual enrollees participate in the parenting classes, there will be an increase in recurring expenditures of \$35,640 ($1,980 \times \18).

- A parent's participation in a volunteer service program at a school will not have a fiscal impact on the Department.
- Since the classes are not mandatory for participants, the Department will not provide child care during or transportation services to the parenting classes or volunteer programs. The Department will not track the parents who voluntarily participate so there will not be any increase in expenditures for modifications to the ACCENT or VIP systems.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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